Sunday, September 5, 2021

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
Treat your servant in accord
with your merciful love.

St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church

PO Box 299 – 1523 Main Street,
Danbury, TX 77534

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

His Eminence
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop

PASTORAL STAFF & MINISTRIES

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Phiet-The-Nguyen
Deacon: Gerald Peltier
Secretary: Imelda Jez
Bookkeeper: Jan Peltier
C.R.E.: Monica Sebesta
Music Ministry: Evelyn Boeker
Liturgy Committee: Carol Peltier
Art & Environment: Anne Starr
RCIA: Laura Davenport

Women of Worship
Connie Peltier
Legion of Mary
Cecilia Bernshausen
Pro Life Coordinator
Peggy Keillor
Funeral Dinner Ministry
Bobbye Peltier
Bazaar: Chair & Co-Chair
Gene & Shay Roberts

Cemetery Committee:
Anne Starr
Pastoral Council
Charles LeCompte
Finance Council
Laura Davenport, Chair
Disaster Committee
Deacon Gerald Peltier
Danbury Knights of Columbus
Robert Fief, Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Albert Priselac

Office Hours: *[at this time hours may vary — call ahead]*
Monday thru Thursday — 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday — 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Lunch hours vary—call ahead
Church Office: (979)922-1240 [Imelda Jez]
email: st1523@sbcglobal.net
Deacon Gerald: (979)248-7398
email: deacon.gerald.peltier@gmail.com
Jan Peltier [Bookkeeper]: (979)922-1211
email:bookkeeper1523@gmail.com
Monica Sebesta [CRE]: (979)922-1241
email: stanthony-cce@sbcglobal.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4—5:00 pm
or by appointment: Contact the Church Office

Devotions in the Church
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
First Friday Adoration 9:30 am to 9:30 pm
Thursday Adoration 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule:
Weekend Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am / 10:30 am

Weekday Masses:

CANCELED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor or Deacon six Months prior to the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick: Call to request anointing prior to entering the Hospital.

Annulments: Contact either Fr. Joseph or Deacon Gerald.

MISSION STATEMENT
ST. ANTHONY de PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

At St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church in Danbury, Texas, in response to our Baptismal call, we dedicate ourselves to share the teachings of Christ and of the Church.

We believe we are one in the Body of Christ and nourished through the Sacraments with the source of our strength and unity being the Holy Eucharist. We are one family, sharing our talents and gifts in service and charity in support of one another and all people of God.

At St. Anthony's, each person is a vital member of our family and is therefore loved and nurtured both spiritually and personally. In these works, we "give all praise, all glory, and all honor to the Blessed Son of God, Jesus Christ." Feb 21, 2016

Sunday Reflection:

Fear is a powerful human emotion. And who could have imagined that the entire world would be caught in a grip of fear as the pandemic spread rapidly in the early months of last year.

In those early days of the pandemic there was a clear sense of fear that seized each human heart. No one escaped the crippling fear of an unknown virus that eventually closed down the daily working of governments, business, schools and families across the globe.

Fear tends to cripple the heart and mind, and freeze our ability to act freely. In the spiritual life, fear closes off God's grace and mercy, locking one in hopelessness and even despair.

It's no surprise then that the words "fear not!" are found, in some form or another, in almost every book of the Bible. In the Old and New Testaments we hear, time and time again, the comforting voice of God saying, "Fear not, I am with you!"

From Genesis to Revelation, God is reaching out to those held captive by fear to strengthen and renew them with courage. God desires to free his creatures from fear, even the deepest existential fear that is part of our fallen human condition.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks an uplifting word to the Israelites: "Thus says the Lord: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you."

These comforting words strengthened the Israelites in times of hardship, persecutions and the loss of their common identity.

God's comforting words are always matched by God's powerful deeds. Isaiah brings hope to those crippled by fear when he speaks the promise of God that "the eyes of the blind (will) be opened, the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared."

This promise of God makes the psalmist sing out loud, "Praise the Lord, my soul!" for "the Lord sets captives free!"

In the Gospel, the people bring a deaf man with a speech impediment to Jesus. They beg Jesus to heal him. The details in Mark's account of this healing story are striking.

For we are told that Jesus puts his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue, then looked up to heaven and prayed, "Ephphatha! — that is, "Be opened!"

The man's ears were opened instantly. His physical healing released him from the grip of fear to become a fearless witness to God's mighty deeds in his community.

God desires to free you from fear. The word of God invites us to place into God's loving hands all that instills fear in us. God's love is infinitely more powerful than our strongest fears.

"Be not afraid!" are words that God speaks into the depths of our fears, spoken and unspoken. Our small and big fears can dissolve in the light of God's healing love and mercy. For freedom from fear may we pray with confident faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, September 4th
5:30 pm † Dennis Lassman

Sunday, September 5th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am The Parish Family of St. Anthony's
10:30 am † John & Butch Hairston

Monday, September 6th
No Mass

Tuesday, September 7th
1:00 pm Clarence Gardovsky Funeral Service

4:30 pm to 7pm Visitation for Mike Bargas — [church]
7:00 pm Rosary

Wednesday, September 8th
10:00 am Mike Bargas Funeral Service

Thursday, September 9th
No Mass

Friday, September 10th
No Mass

Saturday, September 11th
5:30 pm † Joe Peltier

Sunday, September 12th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am † Mary Olshovsky
10:30 am The Parish Family of St. Anthony's

Seek & Find Answer:

"Ephphatha that is — be opened"

Look for St Anthony's on:
www.saopdtx.org / Facebook —
Mass Times for Travel: masstimes.org

Reflection Question:
What fears do you bring to Jesus for healing?

St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Clarence Gardovsky, who passed away this week. Clarence and Betty are together again, dancing. He was a blessing to the family, friends and parish. Please keep Clarence & Betty, and the Family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Clarence, O Lord… May his soul rest in peace. Amen!!!

St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Mike Bargas, who passed away this week. Mike was a fighter. We hold our memories and stories that will be told for years to come. He was a blessing to his family, friends, and parish family. Please keep Mike, his wife Margaret and the Family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Mike, O Lord… May his soul rest in peace. Amen!!!

St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Barbara Burwick, sister to Dolores Clinton who passed away this past week. Please keep Barbara and the Family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Barbara, O Lord… May her soul rest in peace.

St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Kristy Colyer, who passed away this past week. Please continue to keep her husband Paul, mother Ramona Morton and sister Monica Sebesta and Family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Kristy, O Lord… May her soul rest in peace. Amen!!!

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held in person at St. Ignatius of Loyola (7810 Cypresswood Dr, Spring) on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Our speaker is Michael Gormley, a Catholic podcaster from St. Anthony in the Woodlands. His topic will be "Why did Jesus have to die? A Catholic theology of the Atonement." The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. The talk will be available to view online as well (link available online at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica). For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778

The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning For

The Sick, dying,
Those who have passed on before us.
For parish and community
For our struggles, peace, anxiety

F	E	S	N	G	I	S	E	D	L	I	V	E	H	E
R	T	P	H	B	T	D	H	E	I	R	S	P	C	H
I	U	N	U	R	E	S	A	T	O	N	R	A	E	F
G	M	R	O	G	F	T	T	O	E	D	D	H	E	S
H	S	N	G	I	A	A	P	T	N	E	I	H	P	N
T	G	E	T	O	T	G	E	A	I	V	S	Y	S	O
E	B	Y	S	C	L	A	T	D	V	O	T	T	A	I
N	R	L	R	D	S	D	C	T	I	L	R	S	S	T
E	I	O	A	E	N	S	R	I	D	E	I	R	S	C
D	W	B	Y	M	E	A	O	I	D	B	C	I	E	N
D	N	E	V	A	E	H	S	P	N	N	T	H	M	I
P	A	R	T	I	A	L	I	T	Y	G	I	T	B	T
J	U	D	G	E	S	E	A	R	S	E	S	V	L	S
S	E	H	T	O	L	C	Y	B	B	A	H	S	Y	I
E	P	P	E	T	S	N	O	D	I	S	N	E	D	D

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Word Search: Assembly, Begged, Beloved, Burst, Crowd, Deaf, Distinctions, District, Divine, Ears, Evil Designs, Eyes, Fear not, Frightened, Gold Rings, Heaven, Heirs, Judges, Lame, Lay, Mute, Partiality, Poor, Sands, Shabby Clothes, Sidon, Speech, Stag, Steepe, Strong, Thirsty, Tyre, Vindication

[23] Remaining letters spell out what?

Second Collection: The combined collection for the University of St. Thomas and the Catholic University of America is this weekend. The Special Collection provides viral Scholarship funds for students at the UST and CUA.
The University of St. Thomas is the only Catholic university in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. With its Catholic value-centered liberal arts programs, the University of Saint Thomas provides both the education and moral principles to prepare students for a sound professional and familial life. In addition to its central campus, the University of St. Thomas operates its School of Theology on the grounds of St. Mary's Seminary. Graduate level programs in theology are offered both to those men studying for the ordained priesthood, diaconate, and lay men and women seeking to further their theological education and ministry in the Church.
The Catholic University of America is the national Catholic university with outstanding departments of theology, biblical studies, canon law, church history and religious education. Grounded in the philosophy of Catholic intellectual tradition, students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world. This archdiocese and dioceses throughout the country have benefited greatly from the education received from this venerable institution.

Collection Totals for: *weekend of* **August 22, 2021**

Regular Weekend Collection	$3,235.00
Additional On-Line Donation	$1,470.00

REQUIREMENTS FOR RE-OPENING AND DUE TO HIGH COVID CASES:

- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**
- **EVEN THOUGH SOCIAL DISTANCE IS NOT MANDATORY WE WOULD APPRECIATE EVERYONE SPREADING OUT.**
- **HOLY COMMUNION IS ONLY TO BE TAKEN IN THE HANDS AND NOT ON THE TONGUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITIZER.**
- **IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN AROUND SOMEONE SICKLY PLEASE STAY AT HOME.**

ST. ANTHONY'S IS CONTINUALLY PRAYING FOR EVERYONE AT THIS TIME.

Thank you for your generous donations. God bless!

Online Giving:
www.osvonlinegiving.com/1880
Or visit the Website @ www.saodptx.org
Or mail to PO Box 299, Danbury, TX 77534
*Please **DO NOT** mail to physical address*

Thank you to Fr. Luke Millette & Fr. Tom Rafferty for coming and celebrating masses with our Parish Family this weekend. Thank you to the Archdiocese for caring for our parish needs and Fr. Joseph's needs.
Please continue to pray for more Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

For young adults who are being called to priesthood or religious life, that they may act on God's call and be supported by their families and this parish community ...

DSF: Jan 1st to Dec 31, 2021
Parish Goal: $25,000.00
As of June 23, 2021:
Total Amount Paid: **$15,292.00**
[66] Donors
Give online @ archgh.org/dsf
When writing out Check, please make out to **DSF**.
Do not write out to St. Anthony's Church.
Envelopes are in the back of the church.
Whatever is not paid by Dec 31, 2021, St. Anthony's will have to pay. Please help the church pay off this goal set by the Diocese.

Pro-Life Corner: The man who stands for nothing will fall for anything. Abortion is an atrocity. Those who practice or praise it are ill-informed devils. Please stand up and be counted in the pro-life movement today! Pray and work to end euthanasia and abortion.

"Walk in the Light of Christ"
2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Already contributed to this year's Diocesan Services Fund [DSF]? We thank you for your generosity and support of more that 60 ministries within our Archdiocese! We are **$9,708.00** from reaching our 2021 DSF goal of $25,000.00. If you have not had the opportunity to donate to the DSF this year, please fill out a pew envelope or go visit www.archgh.org/dsf.
Note: extra envelopes are in the rear of the church.

Let Jesus the healer, heal any disappointments in your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 10-12, 2021, and November 5-7, 2021. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to houstonme.org. An inviting video may be viewed at http://houstonme.org or https://youtu.be/UbX70a49QUs

Catechists Needed

"Patience helps us to be merciful in the way we view ourselves, our communities and our world."
– Pope Francis

We are busy planning this year's CCE Program and we NEED YOU! We need Catechists at every level in both sessions. No experience is necessary—no degree in theology is necessary! God calls us and then equips us! The Catechists' books are easy to use and give step-by-step instructions. All you need is a love of God and to complete the Safe Environment check.
Please call Monica at 979-922-1241 and say, "Yes, I CAN!"
We cannot teach and share our faith without YOU!
Wednesday
Primary Gather Time: 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Kindergarten through 5th Grade: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
6th Grade through 12th Grade: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Youth Group: 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Flyers in the back of the church with information

CCE WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 6TH

The Month of September
CHURCH CLEANERS
Kristin Baldridge
& Helpers

Thank you to all the Church Cleaners and their families.

Update on Fr. Joseph:
Fr. Joseph has been moved to Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Pearland. He will be having 3 hours of therapy each day (spread out over the day) as he can tolerate.
He can have two visitors per day. [The nurse specified only 2 visitors a day. You have to stay in the room and not in the hallway and once you leave the building you cannot re-enter.]
To prevent people, who are wanting to visit, driving to the location and finding out father has or had his two visits, [husband & wife count has two visits] it is suggested that you contact the church office to schedule visits with father. This includes family, parishioners, friends and priests.

If you would like to send Fr. Joseph a card the address is below or drop off at the church office [can be left in the drop box]

Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital
c/o Fr. Joseph Phiet Nguyen
Rm. 119
2121 Business Center Drive
Pearland, TX 77584

For CDA Day of Reflection:
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St John the Baptist in Alvin, invites all women and men, to their **Day of Reflection - "Loved Poured Out … Living a Life of Mercy"** on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 8 AM to 1 PM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. We welcome guest speaker, Trish Short, best known by Catholics from EWTN Global Catholic Television Network, where Trish is one of the singers and the producer of "The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song". Many of you will recall singing this chaplet at the Women's ACTS retreats. In addition to Trish's talk the day includes Mass at 8 AM as well as breakfast and lunch.

These Tickets are on sale for $20 at here at St. Anthony's Parish Office. For more information, contact Nancy Goodnight at stjohnaff@gmail.com

2021 Wedding Jubilee Masses: Your love has been a testament of God's love, the living sign of the Sacrament of Marriage. To honor this achievement, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, invites you to join him in a Eucharistic Celebration reminiscent of that time when you said "I do" before Him at the annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Masses, hosted by the Family Life Ministry. The 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass is set for Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 p.m. The 25th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 p.m. Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate both Masses. A $25 registration cost per couple includes an Archdiocesan certificate, special issue worship aid and commemorative pin. For more registration information, visit www.archgh.org/weddingjubilee.

That we may grow stronger in our faith, realizing that God does not measure us by what we possess but rather by what we do for one another. "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5 What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Comfort us, O Lord, for we are like your disciples on the storm tossed seas, unsettled by what lies ahead. We turn to You, our Healer and Guide, To still our hearts in our time of need and hear our prayer: Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus and protect the elderly and most vulnerable. Give strength to all who tend to our health and wisdom to researchers who work toward a cure. Open our eyes and hearts, as you did during Hurricane Harvey, that we may look beyond our immediate needs to care for others who need help. Through the Holy Spirit, guide our leaders to make wise decisions for the welfare of all the people they serve. Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus. May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives, Intercede to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness. Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal us.

Please remember the sick, their families, all who suffer in body and mind, in your daily prayers

Kyle Atkins
Jannis Baldwin
Ken Barchak
Tracy Bazar
Larry Blasuis
Eleanor Boeker
Evelyn & Lee Boeker
Marvin & Rosemary Bozarth
Rachael Breaux
Steve & Deidra Breaux
Edna Cadenhead
Jane Carlile
Terri Cambiano
Luke Carrillo
Andy Christian
Dolores Clinton
Kevin Cook
John Cook
Mike & Pixie Dattalo
Joyce Dixon
Kacie Dziuk
Geoff Evans
Ben Filipp
Jacko Garrett
Carrie Gore
Sharon Gore
Donna Hill
Libby Jez
Dorothy Prihoda Jones
Sherolyn Kennel
Mary Helen Knape
Charles Kolafa
Audra Le Normand
Evelyn Lassman
Billy "Preacher" LeCompte
Lynette LeCompte
Shirley LeCompte
Adan Lewis
Thomas Lewis
Laura Linkenhoker
Barbara Mager
Billie Jean Matheson
Kimberly Martin
Janet Maxey
Donald McAninch
Al McEndree
Doug McKay
Kim McNeeley
Guy McNeil
Eddy Garcia-Meitin
Ana Mercado
Valentina Morales
Randy Newton
Mary & Henry Novak
Peggy Novak
Johnny Olsovsky, Jr.
Melanie Peltier
Tricia Wollam Perk
Ronnie & Gena Peters
Ann Phillips
Leona Popp
Emil Prihoda
Al & Judy Priselac
Melissa & Rex Rayl
Joe Rivera
Betty Jo Ritz
Janice Roberts
Walter Barret Robinson
Joe & Amanda Romero
Charles & Mildred Scott
Elva Solis
Christina Stanton
Arnold Svoboda
Rey Tenorio
Carol Tesch
Will Thomson
Nancy Veselka
Forin & Maureen Vrazel
Jeanette Vrazel
Pat & Louis Vrazel
Michael Ward
Nathan Whatley
Gerald Wittman
Charlotte Wollam